

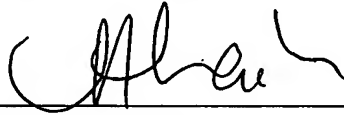


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Appl. No. : 10/821,036	Confirmation No. : 9243
Applicants : Stephen Martone and Katsumi Oneda	
Filed : April 7, 2004	Attorney Docket No.: 501061.02
Art Unit : 3739	Customer No. : 27,076
Examiner : Beverly Meindl Flanagan	
Title : ENDOSCOPE ASSEMBLIES HAVING WORKING CHANNELS WITH REDUCED BENDING AND STRETCHING RESISTANCE	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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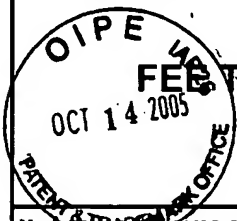
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2005, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-67 and 112-138, for examination at this time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

Effective on 12/08/04



FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FY 2005)

☒ Application claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

☐ Check Enclosed.

Extra Claim Fees

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total 94	- 105	= 0	x 25	= \$0
Ind. 6	- 7	= 0	x \$100	= \$0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$
Subtotal (Extra Claims)				\$0

Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) **Fee \$400**

§ 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.
 § 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.
 § 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.
 § 1.183 to suspend the rules.
 § 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent.
 § 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under §1.740 for extension of patent term.

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) **Fee \$200**

§ 1.12 for access to an assignment record.
 § 1.14 for access to an application.
 § 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.
 § 1.59 for expungement of information.
 § 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.
 § 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when §1.136(a) not avail.
 § 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
 § 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.
 § 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
 § 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.
 § 1.956 for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.
 § 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.
 § 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.
 § 1.5.25 for retroactive license.

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) **Fee \$130**

§ 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.
 § 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.
 § 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.
 § 1.102(d) to make an application special.
 § 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
 § 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.
 § 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee paid
50	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
130	65	Surcharge – Late nonprovisional filing fee or oath	\$
180	180	Submission of IDS	\$
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
120	60	Extension for reply within first month	\$
450	225	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1,020	510	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1,590	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
2,160	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
790	395	Submission After Final 1.129	\$
500	250	Notice of Appeal	\$
500	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1,000	500	Request for oral hearing	\$
130	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
800	400	Design Issue Fee	\$
790	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
130		Request for voluntary publication or republication	\$
500	250	Petition to Revive – unavoidable	\$
1,500	750	Petition to Revive – unintentional	\$
200		Filing for patent term adjustment	\$
400		Request for reinstatement of term reduced	\$
1,120		Extension of term of patent	\$

OTHER FEE
(specify)

Subtotal (Additional Fees)

Total Amount of Payment: \$0

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